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GENERAL AND COMPLETE DISARMAMENT: NOTIFICATION OF NUCLEAR TESTS; PROHIBITION OF THE DUMPING OF RADIOACTIVE WASTES

EFFECTS OF ATOMIC RADIATION

Letter dated 5 June 1991 from the Permanent Representatives of Chile, Colombia, Ecuador and Peru to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On behalf of the members of the Permanent Commission for the South Pacific, we have the honour to request that the attached statement, which was issued by the secretariat of the Commission on 31 May 1991, be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under items 50, 51, 52, 53, 60 (a) and (i) and 70 of the preliminary list.

Reaffirming the views set forth in their previous communications of 15 June, 9 and 11 July, 21 and 28 November 1990 and 9 and 28 May 1991, the

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members of the Permanent Commission for the South Pacific reiterate their categorical opposition and strong objection to the conduct of nuclear tests by France in view of the dangerous consequences which the dumping of radio active waste has for the marine environment and marine resources, and they demand the immediate and permanent cessation of such tests.

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ANNEX

Statement by the Permanent Commission for the South Pacific issued at Santiago on 31 May 1991

According to reports in the media on 29 May 1991 France conducted its third nuclear-test explosion in the Pacific basin since its renewal of such tests on 7 May 1991. The test was conducted at Fangataufa atoll, with a yield far higher than those of the two previous explosions.

In response to this development, the secretariat of the Permanent Commission for the South Pacific is constrained to restate its categorical opposition and strong objection to the conduct of such disquieting tests, and to make a firm demand for the immediate and permanent cessation of such testing. This is done in accordance with the secretariat's previous statements on behalf of the member States of this regional maritime organization issued on 9 and 28 May 1991 in connection with previous tests, further to their common policy for the defense and protection of the marine environment and in the discharge of the mandate conferred upon it by both the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the member States and the meetings of the Permanent Commission.